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SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF NINTH ICAO FACILITATION (FAL)
DIVISION

1. IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING COUNCIL ACTION ON SCHEDULING
NINTH FAL DIVISION C-WP/6691, US BELIEVES IT IS NOW
TIMELY TO BEGIN LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR OBTAINING
STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN MEETING PROCEDURES MUCH NEEDED
TO REDUCE COSTS, SHORTEN DURATION, AND ENSURE MORE
EFFICIENT CONDUCT OF FAL DIVISION SESSIONS.

2. US DELEGATION TO EIGHTH FAL SESSION (DUBROVNIK 2973)
STRONGLY RECOMMENDED ELIMINATION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE
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AS UNNECESSARY, TIME-CONSUMING AND AT TIMES OBSTRUCTIVE
MECHANISM BETWEEN THE PLENARY AND THE THREE SUBSTANTIVE
COMMITTEES WHICH DO THE BASIC TECHNICAL WORK. THERE
APPEARS TO BE NO PERSUASIVE REASON WHY SUBSTANTIVE
COMMITTEES SHOULD NOT REFER THEIR CONCLUSIONS
DIRECTLY TO PLENARY AS IT IS UNDERSTOOD IS CUSTOMARY
IN OTHER ICAO MEETINGS OF EQUAL STATUS.

3. THERE APPEARS TO BE NOTHING IN RULES FOR ICAO AIR TRANSPORT MEETINGS THAT REQUIRES USE OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE DEVICE.

4. US DELEGATION GAVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO CONFUSING AND ILLOGICAL MIXTURE OF REVIEW AND INITIAL DISCUSSION FUNCTIONS IN GENERAL COMMITTEE. IT CONSIDERED ASSIGNMENT OF REVIEW FUNCTIONS TO PLENARY WOULD INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AS CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF GENERAL COMMITTEE DECISIONS HAD TO BE RE-OPENED IN PLENARY. IT ALSO THOUGH INITIAL DISCUSSION FUNCTIONS COULD BE REASSIGNED TO SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEES WHICH OFTEN HAD LONG PERIODS OF INACTIVITY AWAITING OUTCOME OF GENERAL COMMITTEE DEBATES.

5. IN US DELEGATION VIEW, WORST FEATURE OF GENERAL COMMITTEE IS THAT ITS USE RESULTS IN A LENGTHY AND DUPLICATIVE PROCEDURE IN WHICH ALMOST EVERY QUESTION COMING BEFORE A FAL DIVISION SESSION IS REVIEWED FOUR TIMES.

6. RECENT RECONSIDERATION OF US DELEGATION VIEW HAS REINFORCED BELIEF ELIMINATION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE WOULD LEAD TO SHORTER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE NINTH SESSION PERIOD. SOME US DELEGATION MEMBERS HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTIMATED THAT USE OF GENERAL COMMITTEE LENGTHENED DUBROVNIK SESSION BETWEEN FOUR AND SEVEN DAYS WITH CONSEQUENT EFFECTS ON COSTS FOR ICAO AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.

7. US REP IS REQUESTED, UNLESS HE PERCEIVES OBJECTION, TO EXPLORE INFORMALLY WITH SECRETARIAT AND WITH OTHER COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES HE BELIEVES MIGHT

SUPPORT OR CONCUR IN PROPOSAL TO RESTRUCTURE NINTH FAL DIVISION PROCEDURES TO ELIMINATE THE GENERAL COMMITTEE. SHOULD SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY ARISE DURING COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR NINTH SESSION, US REP MAY AT HIS DISCRETION RAISE THE MATTER MORE FORMALLY. CHRISTOPHER

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